

# Human Research Program Science Management: Overview of Research and Development Activities

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# Human Research Program Goals

- Research necessary to understand and reduce spaceflight human health and performance risks in support of exploration
- Enable development of human spaceflight medical and human performance standards
- Develop and validate technologies that serve to reduce medical risks associated with human spaceflight

What does HRP do?

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*What are the human research  
and technology development  
areas and activities that are  
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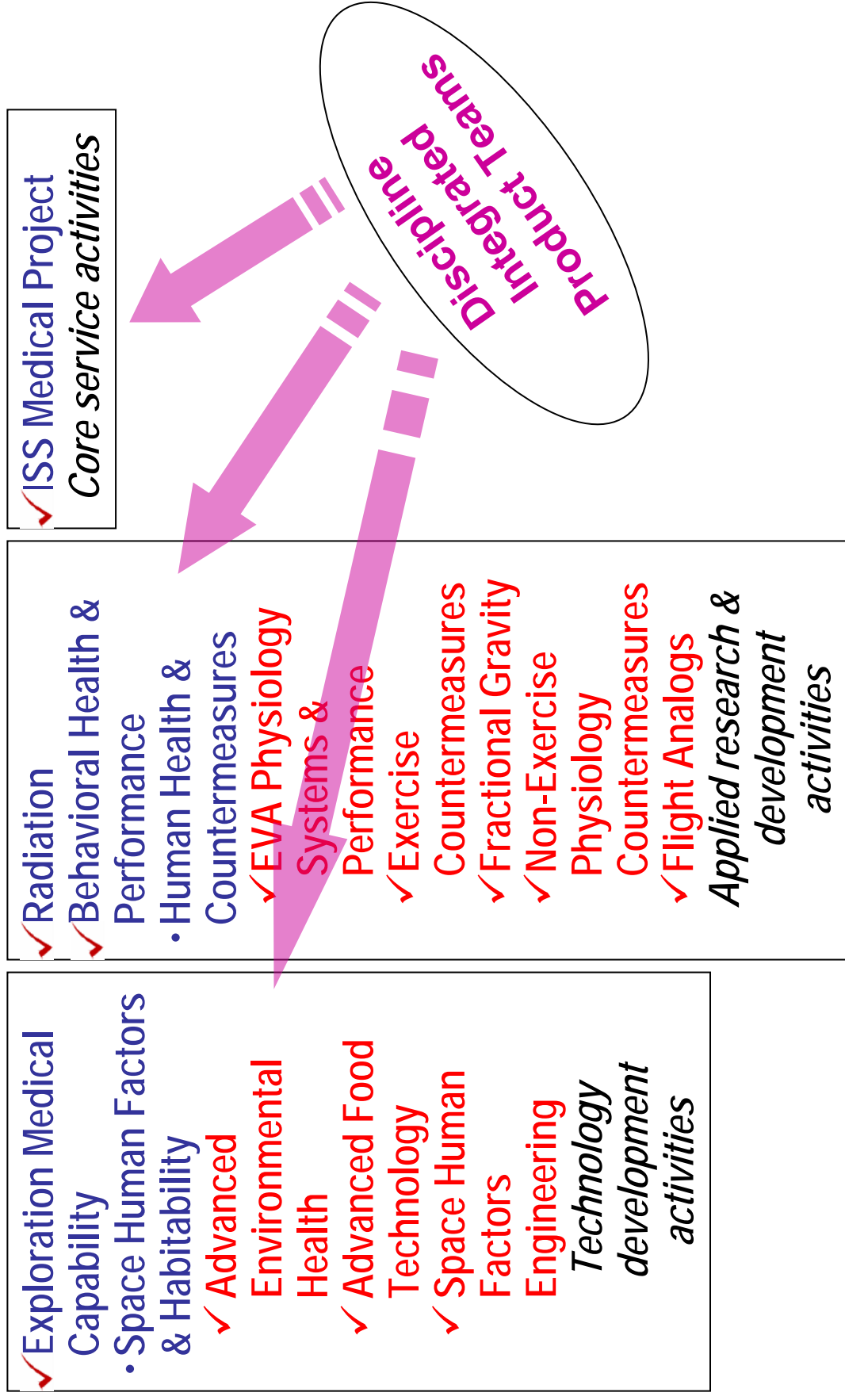
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How does HRP do it?

# Development and Maintenance of Priorities

- Needs/goals
- Risk assessment
- Prioritization
- Standards, deliverables

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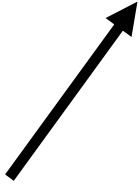
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Provide **Deliverables** to Customers

- Operational experience
- Knowledge (reduced uncertainty, design recommendations)
- Countermeasure protocols
- Technology for crew health, safety and efficiency
- Progress Reports
- Lessons Learned

Backup

# Acquisition and Evaluation of Research and Technology Proposals

Per Human Research Program  
Science Management Plan

(HRP-47053)

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# Acquisition of Research & Technology Proposals

“It is HRP’s policy to utilize full and open competition for research and technology investigations through periodic research solicitations issues by both NASA and NSBRI and to maintain a balance between selected intramural and extramural investigations.”

- Solicited proposals
  - Annual joint NASA/NSBRI research announcements as part of HRP’s ongoing approved research program
    - Radiation-specific (~January)
    - Non-radiation topics (~May)
- Unsolicited proposals
  - Innovative, unique
  - Prepared without NASA involvement
  - Sufficiently detailed to permit evaluation
- Project-directed study proposals
  - Competitive (*via* Request for Proposals) or non-competitive
  - Intramural and extramural investigators, teamed if possible
  - In space flight or on Earth (field centers, universities, institutions)
  - Constrained by time, focus or operational limitations

# Evaluation of Research & Technology Proposals

- Solicited proposals
  - Peer review as specified in Announcement
  - Selection based on merit, relevance, feasibility cost, other factors
- Unsolicited proposals
  - Triaged by Program Scientist to relevant Element
  - Element Scientist and Project Scientist(s) review proposal, determine relevance and value to Project area(s)
  - Element Scientist recommends merit review by appropriate Project NAP Panel to Program Scientist
- Project Directed Study proposals
  - Generated by Project, supported by Element Scientist
  - Forwarded to Program Scientist for NAR review
  - Reviewed by Project NAR Panel (or *ad hoc* NAR panel)
  - Any space flight requirements reviewed by ISSMP for feasibility
  - Element, Project Scientists include successful, relevant proposals in funded program



# Conclusion

- In work

# Annual Reviews

- Discipline Science Review
- Project Science Review
- Element Science Review
- Program Science Review
- Annual Research and Technology Forum

# Annual Discipline Science Review

- Evidence base of space research
- Clinical and operational data and knowledge
- Exploration-related adverse outcomes to HHP
- Gaps, uncertainties and recommendations

# Annual Project Science Review

- Project Non-Advocate Review Panel (or *ad hoc* NAR Panel)
  - To exist for duration of Project
  - Coordinated, managed by Program Scientist to avoid real or perceived conflict of interest
  - Primarily extramural discipline specialists, engineers, managers for fixed, staggered terms
  - Review, comment on all appropriate scientific, technical aspects
  - Identify strengths, weaknesses, recommendations
- Project Science Management Review
  - Element Scientist to focus on each Project's activities, responses to Project NAR Panel advice, responses to latest Discipline Proposed Research Profile

# Annual Element Science Review

- Program Scientist to review all scientific activities of each Project within each Element
- Focus on Project integration into cohesive, synergistic set of mutually beneficial activities

# Annual Program Science Review

- Program Scientist, with Element, Project Scientists, to provide overview of entire HRP scientific program to Program Manager
- Focus on strengths of current program, traceability of activities to Program Requirements Document, and gaps to be addressed
  - Assesses need to continue, modify, expand or terminate scientific studies, investigations based on results, evidence and program needs
- Coordinated with NASA annual budget cycle
- Criteria
  - Documentation of new scientific evidence further mitigating known risks or identifying new ones
  - Advancement of TRLs or CRLs
  - Delivery of tangible products that are accepted by HRP's customers

# Annual Research and Technology Forum

- “2007 HRP Investigators Workshop”
- Bring together investigators, managers to communicate results to HRP stakeholders (space medicine, astronauts, NASA management, the public) and customers (Exploration Systems Mission Directorate, Space Operations Mission Directorate, Chief Health and Medical Officer)

Things the HRP Must Do

Documents, Tools, Databases to Do the Work  
Documents, Tools, Databases Done or Close to Done

Lessons Learned Database

HRP Program Plan

Define Program

Program Requirements Document

Annual Report

Other Programs' Requirements

Gather Customer/Stakeholder Requirements

Allocate Program Requirements

Determine Correct Content

Science Management Plan

Risk Management Plan

Evaluate Individual HHP Risks

Evaluate Integrated Risk\*\*

Risk Database (BR? Discipline Reviews?)

RMAT: PRA, etc.

Evaluate Gaps & Define Recommended Research\*\*

Discipline Recommended Research Plans

Define Integrated Research & Technology Portfolio

Integrated Research Plan

Build Feasible Plans for Research

Element Plans (including Element Research Plans)

\*\* Outputs Used to Refine Program Requirements

Manage Content

PPBE Submit, Baseline Budget and BCDs

Manage Integrated Content and Funds to Schedule

Track Budget

Budget Database

Integrate Schedule

Integ. Master Schedule

Measure Progress

Metrics

Plan & Execute Projects

Project Plans

Deliver Countermeasures, Knowledge, and Technology

Deliverables Database

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